

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 3, 20, 27 and 28 . Please amend claims 1, 5, 12-14, 16,18 and 21-25.

The currently pending claims after amendment are listed below.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of upgrading a computer program installed on a first computer system, the computer program including a script processing module, the method comprising:

receiving ~~an~~ a plurality of upgrade ~~object objects~~ associated with the computer program, ~~the~~ each said upgrade object including a respective script comprising a plurality of script instructions of a pre-defined script instruction set adapted for use by the script processing module to upgrade the computer program, the script being not independently executable without the script processing module, ~~the~~ each said upgrade object being generated on a second computer system remote from said first computer system and transmitted from said second computer system to said first computer system, wherein each said upgrade object contains a respective sequence number, wherein at least one said upgrade object contains at least one respective prerequisite, and wherein not all said upgrade objects have the same at least one respective prerequisite;

with respect to each said upgrade object containing at least one respective prerequisite, automatically determining whether the at least one respective prerequisite has been met; and

performing an upgrade of said computer program by compiling and executing ~~the~~ each said script on said first computer system with the script processing module, wherein, with respect to each said upgrade object containing at least one respective prerequisite, the respective script contained in the object is not compiled and executed until the respective at least one prerequisite contained in the object has been met, and wherein the at least one prerequisite allows at least one script to be executed out of sequence.

1 2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising instructing the script
2 processing module to execute the script.

3. (Cancelled)

1 4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising automatically reporting
2 from said first computer system to said second computer system that the script has been executed.

1 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of upgrade object is
2 objects are transmitted from said first computer system to said second computer system by
3 electronic mail.

6-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method of upgrading a computer program installed on a first computer system, the computer program including a script processor, the method comprising:

creating an a plurality of upgrade object objects associated with the computer program on a second computer system remote from said first computer system, the each said upgrade object including a respective script comprising a plurality of script instructions of a pre-defined script instruction set adapted for use by the script processor to upgrade the computer program, the script being not independently executable without the script processor, wherein each said upgrade object contains a respective sequence number, wherein at least one said upgrade object contains at least one respective prerequisite, and wherein not all said upgrade objects have the same at least one respective prerequisite, each prerequisite to be determined as being met by said script processor before compiling and executing the script contained in the corresponding upgrade object;

transmitting the plurality of upgrade object objects from the second computer system to the first computer system; and

instructing an end user to perform an upgrade of said computer program by compiling and executing the each said script with the script processor, wherein, with respect to each said upgrade object containing a least one respective prerequisite, the respective script contained in the object is not compiled and executed until the respective at least one prerequisite contained in the object has been met, and wherein the at least one prerequisite allows at least one script to be executed out of sequence.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the at least one said upgrade object presents the end user with instructions to perform a task.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the at least one said upgrade object prompts the end user to indicate that the task has been performed.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method of upgrading a computer program on a first computer system, comprising:

(i) installing a computer program on the computer system, the computer program including a script processing module;

(ii) receiving ~~an a plurality of~~ upgrade ~~object objects~~ associated with the computer program, ~~the each said~~ upgrade object including a respective script comprising a plurality of script instructions of a pre-defined script instruction set adapted for use by the script processing module and a respective sequence number, at least one said upgrade object containing a prerequisite field containing one or more prerequisites for executing the script, wherein not all said upgrade objects have the same at least one respective prerequisite, the each said upgrade object being generated on a second computer system remote from said first computer system and transmitted from said second computer system to said first computer system; and

(iii) instructing the computer program to process ~~the each said~~ upgrade object, whereby ~~the each said~~ upgrade object causes the computer system to:

if the upgrade objects contains one or more prerequisites, determine if the one or more prerequisites have been met; and

responsive to determining that the one or more prerequisites have been met; instruct the script processing module to execute the script if all prerequisites, to the extent there are any, contained in the upgrade object have been met; and

report that the script has been executed, wherein the at least one prerequisite allows at least one script to be executed out of sequence.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a computer program into an instruction processing environment on a first computer system, the instruction processing environment including a script processing module, the method comprising:

receiving ~~an a plurality of~~ installation ~~object objects~~ associated with the computer program, ~~the each said~~ installation object including a respective script comprising a plurality of script instructions of a pre-defined script instruction set adapted for use by the script processing module to install the computer program into the instruction processing environment on said first computer system, the script being not independently executable without the script processing module, ~~the each said~~ installation object being generated on a second computer system remote from said first computer system and transmitted from said second computer system to said first computer system, wherein each said installation object contains a respective sequence number, wherein at least one said installation object contains at least one respective prerequisite, and wherein not all said installation objects have the same at least one respective prerequisite;

with respect to each said installation object containing at least one respective prerequisite, automatically determining whether the at least one respective prerequisite has been met; and

installing said computer program into said instruction processing environment by compiling and executing ~~the each said~~ script with the script processing module, wherein, with respect to each said installation object containing at least one respective prerequisite, the respective script contained in the installation object is not compiled and executed until the respective at least one prerequisite contained in the installation object has been met, and wherein the at least one prerequisite allows at least one script to be executed out of sequence.

19 - 20. (Cancelled)

1 21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising reporting that ~~the~~
2 ~~instruction set~~ at least one said script has been executed.

1 22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ each said installation object is
2 transmitted from said first computer system to said second computer system by electronic mail.

23. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a computer program into an instruction processing environment on a first computer system, the instruction processing environment including a script processing module, the method comprising:

creating ~~an~~ a plurality of installation ~~object objects~~ associated with the computer program on a second computer system remote from said first computer system, ~~the~~ each said installation object including a respective script comprising a plurality of script instructions of a pre-defined script instruction set adapted for use by the script processing module to install the computer program into the instruction processing environment on said first computer system, the script being not independently executable without the script processing module, wherein each said installation object contains a respective sequence number, wherein at least one said installation object contains at least one respective prerequisite, and wherein not all said installation objects have the same at least one respective prerequisite, each prerequisite to be determined as being met by said script processing module before compiling and executing the script contained in the corresponding installation object;

transmitting the plurality of installation ~~object objects~~ from the second computer system to the first computer system; and

instructing an end user to install said computer program into said instruction processing environment by compiling and executing ~~the~~ each said script with the script processing module, wherein, with respect to each said installation object containing a least one respective prerequisite, the respective script contained in the installation object is not compiled and executed until the respective at least one prerequisite contained in the installation object has been met, and wherein the at least one prerequisite allows at least one script to be executed out of sequence.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein ~~the~~ at least one said installation object presents the end user with instructions to perform a task.

1 25 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein ~~the~~ at least one said installation
2 object prompts the end user to indicate that the task has been performed.

1 26 (Previously Presented) A method for upgrading a computer program on a computer
2 system, the computer program including a script processing module, the method comprising
3 configuring the computer system to perform the method of claim 1.

27 - 28. (Cancelled)